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May 12, 2015

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF AN EQUIPMENT DONATION FROM UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (USC) KECK SCHOOL OF MEDICINE FOR LAC
+USC MEDICAL CENTER
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request approval to accept an equipment donation for LAC+USC Medical Center, inclusive of two (2) Topcon Digital Retinal Camera Systems, supporting attachments and related one-year service maintenance warranty, with a combined value of \$41,398.20 provided by the USC Keck School of Medicine with funding from a UniHealth Foundation grant.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Accept the equipment donation of two (2) Topcon Digital Retinal Camera Systems including supporting attachments and a one-year service maintenance warranty valued at a combined total of \$41,398.20.
2. Instruct the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, to prepare and send a letter of appreciation for the generous donation of the two (2) Topcon Digital Retinal Camera Systems.

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

29 May 12, 2015

PATRICK O'GAWA
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

In accordance with County policy, donations in excess of \$10,000 require acceptance by the Board.

Approval of the first recommendation will allow LAC+USC Medical Center (LAC+USC MC) to receive the donation that will enhance the standard quality of ophthalmic services delivered to our patients at LAC+USC MC. The digital retinal cameras will be used for teleretinal screening of diabetic patients who require monitoring for diabetic retinopathy, which is the leading cause of blindness among working-age Americans, and will also increase the ability for LAC+USC MC to perform teleretinal screening in the primary care setting and facilitate patient access to specialty care services.

Teleretinal diabetic retinopathy screening can eliminate the need for a separate visit to an ophthalmologist for patients with minimal disease; allowing for expedited treatment for those with the greatest need. These cameras will become a part of the Department of Health Services (DHS) Teleretinal Diabetic Retinopathy Screening Program, which has to date screened almost 10,000 patients in its first year of operation, and are in-line with DHS' strategy for standardization of equipment across the enterprise.

The funding for the Topcon Digital Retinal Camera was acquired from the UniHealth Foundation (UniHealth) through a grant UniHealth awarded to USC Keck School of Medicine (Keck). Keck has chosen to utilize a portion of their grant award to purchase the cameras and donate the equipment to LAC+USC MC.

Approval of the second recommendation will acknowledge the receipt of this generous donation from Keck. At the request of Keck, the attached draft letter is addressed to UniHealth.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability, of the County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no immediate net County cost associated with the acceptance of the two retinal camera systems. The systems including supporting attachments and a one-year maintenance warranty are valued at \$41,398.20.

The warranty will be covered for the period of one year from the date of installation. Future preventive maintenance and service will be obtained via purchase order through the Internal Services Department, at an estimated annual cost of \$1,600 and will be covered within LAC+USC MC's existing resources.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Section 2.4.2 of the County Fiscal Manual authorizes County departments to accept donations in excess of \$10,000 with Board approval.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will help support and maintain the quality of health care delivered at LAC+USC MC. These cameras will become a part of the DHS Teleretinal Diabetic Retinopathy Screening Program.

CONCLUSION

Attached for your consideration is a draft letter thanking the UniHealth Foundation for the generous donation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mitchell Katz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors

ATTACHMENT

May 12, 2015

Mary Odell, President
UniHealth Foundation
800 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1300
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Dear Ms. Odell:

At its meeting held May 12, 2015, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors accepted with thanks, the donation of two (2) Topcon Digital Retinal Camera Systems totaling \$41,398.20. The donated equipment consists of Topcon TRC-NW400 Automated Digital Retinal Cameras with ImageNet 5 System. This equipment donation will greatly enhance the standard quality of ophthalmic services at LAC+USC Medical Center.

The Board members have requested that I express their appreciation to you for this generous donation.

Very truly yours,

Sachi A. Hamai
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

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c: Carmen A. Puliafito, M.D., Dean, Keck School of Medicine of USC